

GERMANS SUFFER ENORMOUS LOSS
TO MAKE ONLY SLIGHT ADVANCEFRENCH HAVE EVACUATED NOYON
AND RETIRED TO EAST BANK OF OISE

Despite Terrific Hammering of Huge Masses of Germans, the Spirit and Determination of the British is Excellent

GERMANS BEGIN FRENCH HINT
NEW ATTACK AT SURPRISE

Have Engaged All the Combined British and French Forces South of Somme River

Germany's Last Trump Is Likely to Be Overtrumped When the Proper Moment Comes

London, March 26.—The fighting died down during the night, the war office reports. The British established themselves in new positions east of Roye and Albert. The Germans this morning began new attacks against the combined British and French forces south of the Somme. North of the Somme a continuation of fighting was expected but has not yet developed.

The enemy's losses continue severe. The Germans have been obliged to reinforce their battle front from all parts of the western theatre. Over Sunday German divisions of about 350,000 men had been engaged.

"Fighting of the most severe description has been taking place all day on the fronts south of Peronne and south and north of Bapaume," said Field Marshal Haig's report from British headquarters last night. "In both sectors the enemy has attacked our positions in great strength with fresh forces, and, in spite of the gallant resistance of our troops, has forced us to give ground. German troops are in Nesle and Bapaume. Heavy fighting continues."

SITUATION "CONFUSED"
AT SEVERAL PLACES

Enemy Losses Are Enormous, Says Reuter's Dispatch to London Newspaper.

London, March 26.—A Reuter dispatch from British headquarters, dated Monday, says: "The spirit and determination of the British troops is excellent; the enemy losses are enormous; the situation in many places remains very confused."

GERMAN TANKS
BROKE "ALLIES"
BRAVE DEFENSE"

Berlin Semi-Official Statement Says That Captured British Tanks Reinforced the Machines of the Germans.

Berlin, Monday, March 25.—The German tanks, reinforced by the captured British tanks, "took a leading part in breaking the brave enemy resistance," says a semi-official statement on Sunday's fighting.

TO FILL THE GAPS.

British Premier Promises Men and Guns Are on the Way.

London, March 26.—In a message to Field Marshal Haig, David Lloyd-George, the British premier, says that the men necessary to replace those lost are either now in France, or already on their way. All guns will be replaced and still further reinforcements of men and guns are ready to enter the battle.

The British cabinet wishes to express to the army the nation's thanks for its splendid defense. The whole empire is filled with pride as it watches the heroic resistance offered by its brave troops to overwhelming odds.

"Knowing their steadfastness and courage whenever the honor of their country depends on their valor, the empire awaits with confidence the result of this struggle to defeat the enemy's last desperate effort to trample down the free nations of the world."

MAJOR H. C. EMERY
TAKEN TO GERMANY

As Prisoner of Germans, Former Yale Professor Was Removed From Island Islands.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—American Minister Morris in Sweden reported to the state department today that the Swedish foreign office had learned that Major Henry C. Emery, former Yale professor, taken prisoner by the Germans on the island islands, had been taken on a transport to Danzig, Germany.

IMPORTANT CHANGES
BY BRITISH SOON?

British Army Headquarters in France, March 26 (by the Associated Press).—There is reason to believe that important events will be recorded within the next few hours which may lead to a betterment of the position of the armies stemming the German onslaught.

The enemy is fighting desperately against time. The first day his reserves were reduced to 32 divisions. At the end of the second day some 40 divisions from the reserves had been put in.

A heavy German attack yesterday about Arras was completely smashed by British artillery fire.

The correspondent is convinced that at least 130 German airplanes have been brought down in the last five days. The British were today still holding the enemy strongly half-way between Cambes and Albert.

TWO REGIMENTS
U. S. ENGINEERS
WERE ENGAGED

General Pershing Has No Report Concerning Them Other Than That Contained in German Statement.

Washington, March 26.—General Pershing cabled the war department last night that two regiments of American engineers were attached to the British forces on the front attacked by the Germans. Three companies of the engineers, he said, were working in the areas in which the German official statement mentioned the presence of American troops and no report has been received concerning them.

This message, announced last night by Major General March, acting chief of staff, definitely disposed of reports that American reserves had been sent into the battle. General Pershing said there was nothing unusual to report from the American sectors.

The dispatch follows:

"Summary of activities from noon March 24 to noon March 25:

"Nothing to report but usual patrol and trench activities, with some gas shelling by the enemy north of Toul. Reference to German communiques of March 24 and 25, regarding American troops, two regiments of railway engineers are with the British army involved in this battle. Three companies of engineers were working in the areas mentioned in the communiques in the vicinity of the Crozat canal. No report other than the German communiques has been received regarding these troops."

FINNISH RED GUARD
IS PUT TO ROUT

Stockholm Report States That the Soldiers Are Fleeing Southward in a Great Panic.

Stockholm, Monday, March 25.—The front of the Finnish red guard has been broken and they are fleeing southward in a panic, according to reports received today.

REFUSED TO SAIL

On Army Ship Conveying Delegates to Inter-Allied Labor Conference.

London, March 26.—The seamen's and firemen's union has decided that its members shall refuse to sail on any ship conveying delegates to the inter-allied labor conference in the United States.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kieckhof of West street are the parents of a son, born Friday, March 22.

Miss Rose Benson, who has been caring for Miss Katherine Kieckhof, has returned to the nurse's home.

Miss Yvonne Bileaud of Summer street left this forenoon for Montreal, where she will make a visit of a few weeks.

Miss Elizabeth La Flam, who is engaged as a teacher in the St. Johnsbury schools, is spending the Easter vacation at her home on Prospect street.

Daily services are being held at St. Monica's church in observance of Holy Week, and arrangements are being made for the customary observance of Easter.

Miss Catherine Martin arrived last evening from South Hadley, Mass., where she is enrolled in Mount Holyoke college, to spend the Easter recess at her home on Richardson street.

A cablegram was received this afternoon telling of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Noel of Santiago, Chili. Mrs. Noel will be remembered locally as Miss Margaret Barclay.

Sergeant Clarence Geddes of the 1st Vermont regiment, who has been visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Geddes, of Washington street during the past few days, left yesterday forenoon for Spartanburg, S. C., where he will join his regiment, after enjoying a three-month furlough. Sergeant Geddes had been in a special course at Norwich during the past three months, and last week took the entrance examination for West Point at Boston.

His first experience in the trenches is related by Private George MacKenzie of the 133d infantry in a letter to his brother-in-law, E. J. Bulfinch of Danbury place. Says Private MacKenzie: "Received your letter and was glad to hear from you. We have been up to the front line trenches, and it was quite an experience to be under shell fire. We are now back, having a little rest before going in training again. All the time we were in the trenches we were living under ground in dug-outs. Some of them have electric lights and are fairly comfortable. I suppose the draft army has started to get across. It will do them good to get a taste of it. There are some things you can't keep away from over here, and they are 'coddies.' They are fine for keeping one awake at night. Well, this leaves me feeling fine, and I hope you are the same."

WANTS \$1,200 DIVIDED.

Among Creditors of J. W. Vaughan and Is, Therefore, Suing E. A. Brown.

The trial of the case of H. J. Clayton, trustee, representing the creditors in the bankrupt estate of J. W. Vaughan of Barre, against E. A. Brown to recover \$1,200 which, it is alleged, was illegally paid within two months of the time when Mr. Vaughan went into bankruptcy, commenced in Washington county court yesterday afternoon. It is the claim of the plaintiff that the money should have been divided among the creditors of the bankrupt and that by paying it to Mr. Brown the bankrupt made him a preferred creditor without due reason.

Mr. Clayton was the first witness, testifying to his appointment as trustee, the appraisal of the estate, his discovery that the money had been paid on the rent, which was much in arrears, after an attachment had been served, and that the money was loaned for the purpose. He was followed on the stand by Mr. Vaughan, who told of getting the loan and that he gave the check for \$1,200 to Mr. Brown in a bank and that the check was immediately cashed by Mr. Brown.

Mayor F. W. Mitchell of Montpelier was next on the stand, he having been one of the appraisers of the stock of goods when bankruptcy occurred. He estimated that the stock amounted to \$1,600 or \$1,700.

Mr. Vaughan was on the stand again this morning, telling of the state of his finances up to the time the attachment was placed on his store. The plaintiff tried to draw out that he knew when he paid Mr. Brown that he was not solvent. He was followed on the stand by Clinton Miller.

Clinton P. Miller testified that he visited the Vaughan store and that the appearance of it did not give him the impression that there was any such quantity of goods as it was claimed was in the store. He testified as to an agreement which was entered into between Mr. Vaughan and some of his creditors in Barre, whereby stated sums were paid each week by Mr. Vaughan on accounts.

The plaintiff rested at that point and Mr. Brown called to the stand, testifying to the transaction relative to the payment of the \$1,200 and that he stopped the process of attachment.

He had understood from Mr. Vaughan that he had about \$2,000 worth of goods in his store and that Mr. Vaughan had many shipments of goods arrive each day. He considered Mr. Vaughan one of the successful merchants of the city.

The jury hearing the case is made up as follows: C. B. Boyce of Montpelier, J. W. Bates of Montpelier, Earl Fuller of Warren, L. J. Benjamin of Woodbury, G. E. Foss of Northfield, P. A. Smith of Cabot, L. E. Town and Elmer Clark of Montpelier, T. W. Powers of Waterbury, C. H. Pike of Marshfield and Charles Louzell of Duxbury. Judge Fish stated that the rest of the jury would be excused until Wednesday morning so that they might be employed on their farms.

The case of Sturtevant Merrick company vs. E. M. Laws, with Barre Savings Bank & Trust company, Quarry Mutual Fire Insurance company and G. W. Mann, trustees, to recover \$1,000, has been entered.

W. R. GRANDFIELD DEAD.

Was Native of Ireland but Lived Most of His Life in Vermont.

William R. Grandfield, born in Ireland 85 years ago, died at his home on Kent street, Montpelier, this morning as the result of hardening of the arteries and other ailments incident to his advanced years. He came as a boy nine years old to Vermont and on reaching man's estate was employed for 30 years as a boiler-maker for the Central Vermont railroad when the company's shops were located at Northfield. When the shops were moved to St. Albans he took up farming, first in Northfield and later in Berlin.

Mr. Grandfield leaves his wife, who was Ellen McCarthy, and one son, Mr. Grandfield of Montpelier, and two daughters, Mrs. Blanche Howison of Worcester and Florence Grandfield of Rochester, N. Y. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

BELGIAN RELIEF REPORTS.

Are Beginning to Be Received By Vermont Red Cross.

The reports are commencing to arrive at the office of the Vermont chapter of the Red Cross from many of the towns showing that they have successfully conducted their campaign for clothing to be sent to the relief commission in Belgium. Some of the towns report their quota but the reports of some of the larger towns and cities have not yet been received. Montpelier, it is expected, will have about 2,000 pounds. Last week one of the towns had filled its quota and wrote for advice whether it could give more than the quota. The committee was advised that all gifts were acceptable.

One Accepted, One Rejected and Third Goes to Enlist.

Floyd Reed, who went to Burlington Monday for examination, was enlisted in the navy. Guy H. Boyce of Waitsfield went to Burlington this morning for examination. He is registered in Arizona and has to wait for a permit from the exemption board in that state, which arrived the latter part of the week. He made application through the local recruiting station for fireman, third class, in the navy. Hollis Taylor of Barre Towns was rejected at Burlington Monday, following a second examination.

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE DRIVE

Will Be Put On in Barre To-morrow for Armenian-Syrian Relief.

To-morrow morning nearly 150 Barre people will start out in the big drive for Armenian-Syrian relief funds, covering the entire city in one day if possible. It is hoped by the committee that everybody will receive them graciously and make a contribution that is in keeping with the needs of these stricken people. If the terrific voice of need does not impel us to work and give and give and work yet again, what cry from the river of mankind can lead us to action and giving?

ONLY GUNFIRE
ON U. S. FRONT

Germans Threw Mustard Gas Shells at Rate of Six a Minute

EFFORT WAS WASTED
SAY AMERICANS

Latter Replied with Heavy Fire and Demolished Segments of Trenches

With the American Army in France, Monday, March 25 (By Associated Press).—The American positions on a certain part of the Toul front were bombarded with mustard gas shells at the rate of six a minute last night but ineffectively. The American artillery replied with a heavy fire and demolished segments of the German front lines and other points.

ONLY THE NAMES
OF CASUALTIES

Major General March Tells Senate That Such Was the War Department's Wish.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—Major General March, acting chief of staff, today told the Senate that the war department considered it of the best advantage from all points of view to announce only the names of American troops killed or wounded in France.

SCOUT PATROL BOAT
HIT ROCK AND SANK

Crew of 26 Men Were Taken By Life-Savers Off the Gurnet, Mass., Early To-day.

Plymouth, Mass., March 26.—A government scout patrol boat struck a rock off the Gurnet early today and sank soon afterwards. Life-saving crews took off the crew of 26 men.

BIG THRIFT GAIN.

Barre School Children Invested \$664.50 Last Week—Total \$4,398.25.

Every senior in Spaulding high school owns one or more U. S. thrift stamps; 82 per cent of the juniors, 81 per cent of the sophomores and 60 per cent of the freshmen are also purchasers. In the public schools of Barre as a whole 1,428 scholars are enlisted in this cause to defeat the kaiser; and two more rooms joined the 100 per cent list during the past week, they being Miss Strathern's eighth grade of the Spaulding building and Miss Sowden's third grade of the Ward street building. The total holdings of the Barre school children are \$4,398.25, making a gain of \$664.50 in a week.

The list by buildings is as follows:	
Amount Invested.	No. of Children.
Ayers street	\$176.75 85
Ward street	103.00 59
North Barre	302.00 113
Mathewson	1,486.25 528
Lincoln	604.25 197
Summer street	142.75 73
Spaulding grades	302.50 131
High school	\$14.75 304
Total	\$4,398.25 1,428

Seniors 85 | 85 | 100 | \$238.50 || Juniors | 67 | 55 | 82 | 183.25 |
Sophomores	93	76	81	123.25
Freshmen	145	88	60	269.75
Total	390	304	78	\$814.75

DIED AT AGE OF 18.

Harold Isackson Had Been Ill for Considerable Time.

Harold Isackson, only son of John Isackson of 19 Pleasant street, passed away at his home this forenoon at 11 o'clock. The lad was 18 years old and had been confined to the house by a lingering illness since the fall of 1917. He was the fourth child of Mr. Isackson to pass away in recent years. The boy was born in Barre in 1899. He attended the graded schools and was enrolled in the North Barre school when ill health compelled him to abandon his studies. Harold was a lad of much promise and his untimely death is mourned by many friends.

Funeral services will be held at the home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. B. Beardon, pastor of the Universalist church, officiating. Interment will be made in the family lot at Hope cemetery.

VERY HEAVY SHIPMENTS.

200 Cars of Finished Barre Granite Went Out Over M. & W. R. Line.

General Freight Agent Charles D. Waters of the Montpelier & Wells River railroad says that the first two weeks in March saw the record shipment of finished Barre granite go out over his line, no less than 200 cars, carrying 44,000 tons, having been shipped up to March 12. He estimates that about 30 more carloads are to be shipped at once, or as soon as the 14 cars now in the Montpelier yard and the 20 cars at Woodsville, N. H., can be taken to Barre.

This tremendous shipment of finished granite is due to an urgent call which went to him from Barre that a million dollars' worth of finished work was ready for shipment. In response to that urgent call Mr. Waters went to Boston and secured the promise of cars for the relief of the Barre industry. Most of the work was manufactured in Barre.

NOW GRANDPA LLOYD GEORGE.

His Eldest Son and Wife Had Daughter Born.

London, March 26.—The British prime minister, David Lloyd George, became a grandfather last month with the birth of a daughter to Major and Mrs. Richard Lloyd George. The event took place at the prime minister's home in Crispin, Wales. Major Lloyd George is the prime minister's eldest son.

CITY PHYSICIAN'S
RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Dr. J. A. Wark Going Into War Service—His Successor in Barre Job Not Yet Chosen.

Dr. J. A. Wark's letter of resignation from the office of city physician was read at the regular meeting of the aldermen last evening, and while the matter of appointing his successor has not been settled, the doctor's request to be relieved of his duties was granted at once. Dr. Wark stated that he had been called to the colors by the war department, and in closing he thanked the members of the council for their courteous treatment and the spirit of co-operation manifested toward him. His resignation became effective today. On the motion of Alderman Milne, the clerk was directed to convey by letter to Dr. Wark the thanks of the city council for the fine service he has rendered the city during his tenure of office.

Affairs of minor import were briefly considered and then the aldermen, on the motion of Alderman Healy, retired into executive session. Requests of Luigi Romeri, the Baltimore restaurateur, and W. B. Murray for luncheon licenses, and of Murphy & Weaver for a pool and bowling license were referred to the license committee. Mrs. Myra Ahern was granted a permit to resurface a roof at 5 Ahern place, and the request of G. A. Paquet for a permit to erect a garage was referred to the fire committee on the recommendation of the building inspector. The Barre station of the Standard Oil Co. was given permission to operate motor trucks over the city streets with the restrictions laid down by the council last fall. Alderman Ferranti was granted a permit to move a henhouse from Second street to Hayes place. The British recruiting mission was given a permit to use the opera house for its rally Thursday night. A report from the Fidelity & Casualty Co. of New York testified to the fact of condition of the city hall boiler. Peter J. Abelle sent in a bill alleged to have represented his outlay in the recent smallpox quarantine and asked the city to pay it. The bill, aggregating \$48.25, was referred to the health committee.

The following warrants were approved for payment: Street department payroll, \$175.84; engineering department payroll, \$17.31; water department payroll, \$84.61; police payroll, \$176.91; police and health accounts; school treasurer, \$5,000; J. A. Healy, \$63.60, services as alderman; A. B. Lane, \$936.32, repairs on the town hall; N. J. Roberts, \$62.15, printing ballots and other election supplies; Dr. J. A. Wark, \$20.00, salary and returning burial permits; G. A. Bemis, \$16, services as janitor.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

TRUSTEES APPOINTED

Frank G. Howland of Barre, Chairman, Is to Hold Office for Three Years—

Mrs. J. B. Estee of Montpelier and Jacob W. Bates of Montpelier for Two and Years, Respectively.

Governor Graham has appointed Frank G. Howland of Barre, Mrs. James Borden Estee of Montpelier and Jacob W. Bates of Montpelier trustees of the Washington County Tuberculosis hospital, for the terms ending Jan. 31, 1921, Jan. 31, 1920 and Jan. 31, 1919, respectively.

These trustees shall have charge of the construction, operation and maintenance of a hospital established for the purpose of giving treatment to persons suffering from tuberculosis. The trustees, with the advice and consent of the governor and the approval of the state board of health, shall determine upon the location of the hospital, its plans and cost.

The board of trustees shall possess the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes, and may receive and hold real and personal property by gifts, devise or purchase. The trustees shall make all necessary contracts for establishing and equipping such hospital.

The board of trustees may make proper regulations with the approval of the state board of health, for the admission of private patients and patients able to pay a part of the expense only. It is further provided that the state shall in no case pay an amount exceeding \$10 per week for the care of any patient. The establishment of such hospital is provided for by No. 96 of the acts of 1917.

BARRE MEN ARRESTED.

H. Lunda and Jack Brown Were Charged in Warrants with Adultery.

H. Lunda and Jack Brown of Barre were arrested by Sheriff F. H. Tracy and Deputy Sheriff H. J. Clayton yesterday afternoon upon State's Attorney E. R. Davis' warrant charging them with adultery, the women named being Mrs. Nora Magloies of Burlington and Mrs. Amelia Wood of Barre. The two had been serving time in the house of correction and were released on parole, after which they came to Barre.

According to the officers, they visited Gov. Graham's office last week, asking permits to go to Burlington. Their actions did not meet with Major Harvey Goodell's approval so that while they were in the office he had a warrant sworn out for the Magloies woman, with the result that she was placed under arrest. She went to jail and an investigation took place, after which the Wood woman also was placed in jail. Their actions since their return from the house of correction was investigated, with the result that Probation Officer W. H. Jeffrey, in whose care the two women were placed, interviewed the state's attorney yesterday afternoon. Later in the day the two men were arrested. Bail was fixed at \$1,000 and the men will be given a hearing on Wednesday.

ORANGE COUNTY DRAFTED.

Six Men Who Will Leave Montpelier on April 2.

Chelsea, March 25.—The following men have been called to report for military duty April 1, 1918, at the Montpelier house, Montpelier, to be mobilized and entrained for Camp Devens on April 2: Scott Edison Haseltin, Wells River; Everett Brigham, Randolph; James Cook Stevens, Newbury; Elmer Moulton, Topsham; Fred James Vincent, Newbury; Eldon Hatch Martin, Newburytown.

It is expected that a session of United States naturalization court will be held in the court room at city hall tomorrow. Many candidates for citizenship await the arrival of Clerk F. S. Pratt.

THREE BILLION
LOAN IS ASKED

Interest Rate to Be 4 1/4 Per Cent; Other Loans Convertible

DRIVE WILL OPEN ON
SATURDAY, APRIL 6

The New Loan Will Not Be Convertible into Any Future Loan

Washington, D. C., March 26.—The third Liberty loan, to open on April 6, will be for \$3,000,000,000 and all over-subscriptions, at four and one-quarter per cent interest. Bonds of the first loan bearing three and one-half per cent and the second loan at four per cent may be converted into the new bonds, but those of the third loan will not be convertible into any future issue. The announcement was made by Secretary McAdoo last night.

Secretary McAdoo issued this statement: "The secretary of the treasury in a conference with Mr. Kitchin, chairman of the ways and means committee, today outlined his plan for the third Liberty loan. Actual expenditures of the United States government and of the allied countries having been much less than had been indicated by the estimates, the amount of the next loan will be only \$3,000,000,000, the right being reserved to allot over-subscriptions."

"The secretary will ask authority from Congress to issue bonds bearing interest at the rate of 4 1/4 per cent per annum, acceptable at par and accrued interests in payment of United States inheritance taxes and having the benefit of a sinking fund of five per cent per annum during the period of the war and for one year thereafter."

"It is the belief of the secretary that the rate now proposed is sufficient, but by restricting unnecessary capital issues, and by inducing the people who subscribe for Liberty bonds to save them and keep them for investment, by purchases with the sinking fund from those who find themselves compelled to sell, further increases in the interest rate may be avoided. In order to put an end to the expectation of higher interest rates, it is proposed that conversion privileges shall be eliminated from the new bonds, but the holders of Liberty bonds of all existing issues will be given an opportunity to convert their bonds into the new 4 1/4 per cent bonds."

"In addition to the foregoing principal item of the proposed program, Congress will be asked for authority to issue bonds to the amount of \$4,500,000,000 in addition to those now authorized, in order to provide for future issues; for authority to issue additional treasury certificates of indebtedness, for authority to make additional loans to the allied governments during the summer and for authority to deposit income and excess profits taxes with national banks, state banks and trust companies throughout the United States in the same manner as the proceeds of the Liberty loans."

"I am sure that the people will respond to the third Liberty loan with the same loyalty and enthusiasm that characterized their support of the first two loans. The great events now happening in France must find the soul of every American with a new determination to furnish all the dollars and material resources of America that are needed to put an end to the execrable atrocities of German militarism. Defeat faces the kaiser. Let us hasten it by asserting America's might with increased vigor in concert with our gallant comrades."

HEARD FROM IN FRANCE.

Wife of the Late O. J. L. Matthews of Barre.

For the first time in more than two years news comes from Mrs. Oliver J. L. Matthews, who was living in the French city of Lille when the Germans, in their march toward Paris in 1914, occupied the place. Friends whose anxiety over the fate of Mrs. Matthews and her two children was shared by the late Assessor O. J. L. Matthews to the day of his death will be interested to learn that information indirectly received by Attorney J. Ward Carver, trustee of the Matthews estate, indicates that Mrs. Matthews and her children are safe. Despite reported efforts on the part of Mrs. Matthews to leave France and find the soul of every American with a new determination to furnish all the dollars and material resources of America that are needed to put an end to the execrable atrocities of German militarism. Defeat faces the kaiser. Let us hasten it by asserting America's might with increased vigor in concert with our gallant comrades."

The letter, addressed to the late Assessor Matthews, arrived in Barre yesterday, and was turned over to Attorney J. Ward Carver, trustee of the Matthews estate, by the courts as trustee. It is written in French and signed by Madame Guernepres of St. Ouen l'Abbaye, Seine et Oise, who is represented as a friend of the Matthews family. She states that she recently managed to leave Lille and writes from her home in St. Ouen l'Abbaye that Mrs. Matthews is well. Oliver, her married daughter, is in good health and to her two children has been added a third, born in 1917. The son, Edmond Matthews, is serving under the French colors. Madame Guernepres does not say that Mrs. Matthews and her daughter are still in Lille, although the tenor of the letter indicates that such is the case. The letter is dated March 3.

Assessor Matthews died in the City hospital early in January, 1917. For more than a year he had been tried by the most severe of ailments, and his wife and children, and failed. Shortly before his death he made provision for them and instructed the man whom he selected as administrator of his estate to communicate with his wife whenever opportunity offered. Recently Attorney Carver, after closing his account as administrator of the estate, was appointed trustee of the residue, some \$6,300. Mr. Carver has addressed a letter to Madame Guernepres requesting more information concerning the whereabouts of Mrs. Matthews.

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